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: MTD PRODUCTS INC

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OF AN ASSOCIATED
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The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said company, as shown in the Assignment document at Reel 8263, Frame 0374. Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

Name of Patentee(s): Michael Kamm
Patent Number: 5,803,847
Date Patent Issued: September 8, 1998

Title of Invention: A Variable Speed Mechanism and Method for Controlling the Speed of an Associated Lawn Apparatus

I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole or joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: **A Variable Speed Mechanism and Method for Controlling the Speed of an Associated Lawn Apparatus** the specification of which

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